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### MONTANA COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMANITIES HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### MISSOULA --

A humanist and university educator with more than 15 years of administrative experience has been hired as the new executive director for the Montana Committee for the Humanities, based at The University of Montana—Missoula.

Mark A. Sherouse replaces Margaret Kingsland, who retired Oct. 31 after 21 years in the post.

Sherouse, vice provost for administration at Southern Methodist University in Dallas for the past seven years, competed for the position with more than 60 candidates from around the country, MCH program officer Yvonne Gritzner said.

MCH Chair Jamie Doggett cited personal qualities and Sherouse's broad experience as deciding factors in his selection. As executive director of MCH, Sherouse faces funding pressures from Washington growing out of debate in Congress about the worthiness of national arts and humanities programs to receive federal money.

"His administrative skills show a strength that we'll need now because the NEH and the MCH are facing a different set of priorities," Doggett said.

Describing him as "low-key," Doggett said Sherouse "will be a good advocate for us because of that very low-keyness. He'll not be beating his own drum. He'll be beating the drum for MCH and the humanities."

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Sherouse holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy and a master's in educational administration. He's been special assistant to the president of Southern Methodist University and assistant to the chancellor for the Ohio Board of Regents. During 1979-80 he replaced the Ohio Program in the Humanities' associate director, who was on sabbatical leave. Whenever possible during his years as an administrator he's taught philosophy courses, most recently in ethics and philosophy of science.

In spite of recent controversy and debates over program funding, Sherouse sees a bright future for the arts and humanities across the country and in Montana.

"MCH has a top-drawer reputation nationally," he said. "My highest priority initially will be simply to maintain the level of excellence in its programs and involvement in the public and intellectual life of the state." Eventually, he'd like to get some of MCH's programs into cyberspace, he said, to make them more widely accessible.

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